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## TV review

# 'Who Killed King?'

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Conspiracy theories are always fascinating fun and with the surge of tabloid tinted and tainted television in recent years, they're consuming more and more hours of airtime, latest of which is on FBC, "Who Killed Martin Luther King?"

Like a lot of tabloid tattle, questions are raised and not answered. But that's the stuff of conspiracy, uncertainty, fear and paranoia . . . isn't it? Isn't that right? Are we wrong?

With actor Larry Fishburne hosting the proceedings, the producers employ a little skeptical testimony (including a 1977 James Earl Ray interview) and some re-enacting of that fatal day in 1968 to lay out doubt that Ray was the lone assassin. Well, Ray indeed had booked into a rooming house within rifle shot of Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis and left his fingerprints all over a rifle dropped in a nearby entryway.

The producers' case seems flimsy thin: Ray was a pawn in a larger conspiracy and the evidence is that, well, he's really an awfully dumb guy, for one thing, and there was just way too much evidence against him. It was all too easy.

By this same token, did Booth really kill Lincoln? Who's buried in Grant's tomb? Is there an Easter bunny? If not, who lays all those hard-boiled eggs? □

**WHO KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING?**
**FBC**
STF Prods.

Executive producer ..... Lance Heflin
Producer ..... Philip Lerman
Associate producer ..... Burke Stone
Re-enactment producer ..... Layne Batt
Original music ..... Charlie Barnett
Host: Larry Fishburne

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